

REMARKS

Applicant submits that the present amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated October 22, 2007 and, thus, the application is in condition for allowance.

By this reply, no claims are amended. Claims 2 - 13 remain pending. Of these, claims 2, 7, and 9 are independent. An expedited review and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 2 - 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Du et al., (US Pat. No. 6,981,152) in view of Barriga-Caceres et al. (U.S. Pat. No 7,221,935). It is asserted that Du discloses a device and method with all of the limitations of the present invention as recited in the claims except for “authenticating...” It is further asserted that Barriga-Caceres discloses this deficiency, and thus it would have been obvious to combine the references to obviate the present invention as recited in the pending claims. Applicant respectfully traverses.

With respect to claim 2, 7 and 9, Du does not disclose the present invention as recited in the pending claims. For example, Du does not disclose a device that, for example, allows authenticating a subscriber for access to a requested service based upon receiving a code from a terminal device, the code indicating that a unique username and password will not be provided by the terminal device. This deficiency is not obviated if Du is attempted to be combined with Barriga-Caceres. Barriga-Caceres does not disclose the same problem, nor does it resolve the same problem. Thus, there is no motivation to combine Du with Barriga-Caceres other than through Applicant’s own disclosure. This improper hindsight cannot be used to maintain an obviousness rejection.

With respect to claims 3 – 6, 8, and 10 – 13, these claims depend from one of claims 2, 7, or 9, respectively. Since neither Du nor Barriga-Caceres discloses all of the limitations of claims 2, 7, or 9, this combination, even if there is any motivation to maintain it, also cannot disclose all of the limitations of claims 3 – 6, 8, and 10 – 13.

A one (1) month extension of time is hereby requested to enter this amendment. If any other fees are associated with the entering and consideration of this amendment, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account 50-2882.

Applicant respectfully requests an interview with the Examiner to present more evidence of the unique attributes of the present invention in person. As all of the outstanding rejections have been traversed and all of the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If the undersigned attorney can assist in any matters regarding examination of this application, Examiner is encouraged to call at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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